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1. Location of Military Units of the 5 Infantry Division

- a. The 5 Infantry Division of Gjinokaster moved to the monastery of Cepu (M. 40-09). Lieutenant Colonel Pashko Gjini is commander of the division; Major Thomas Cico is Political Commissar of the division. Division headquarters are located at Eridi (M. 482-098). 50X1-HUM
- b. The 31 Infantry Regiment moved from Gjinokaster to Kukes in June 1950, and was replaced by a regiment from Vlone belonging to 5 Infantry Division. An independent unit with six anti-tank guns, and 80 to 90 men is located at Eridi. These anti-tank guns are 1942 models, 76.2 centimeters in diameter.
- c. The 3 Field Artillery Regiment with its three platoons is located at Lekel (N. 41-22) (T.T. 54-18). Major Sulio Kozeri from Korce is commander of the regiment; First Lieutenant Seit Alia from Shkoder is Chief of Staff; Captain Suat Mustafarai is Political Commissar of the regiment; Captain Raki Pergika is quartermaster. 50X1-HUM
- d. Communications and mechanized units are located at divisional headquarters in Eridi. The training battalion for non-commissioned officers of the division is also at Eridi.

2. Table of Organization of the 3 Field Artillery Regiment Headquarters

- a. Total strength of 3 Field Artillery Regiment is about 700 men, 12 x 105 mm. guns, 24 x 107 mm. mortars, 12 James (sic - GMC?) vehicles, 190 mules, and about 30 horses for the officers.
- b. Regimental headquarters consists of the commander, commissar, chief of staff, one first lieutenant, a director of administration, and a first lieutenant director of the political office of the Communist Party of the regiment.

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c. Responsible for press and propaganda is First Lieutenant Filo Ciko from Keldi; responsible for youth is First Lieutenant Fehin Bejko; quartermaster supply officer is Captain Raki Bergika [] the quartermaster aide for the clothing supplies is First Lieutenant Georgio Pappa [] responsible for armament is a warrant officer; the quartermaster aide for the food supplies is a first lieutenant (name unknown).

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d. The two security officers for the regiment are a first and second lieutenant; one second lieutenant is director of communications; eight to nine non-commissioned officers are clerks; one warrant officer is chief nurse, and two sergeants are nurses; three to five soldiers are messengers.

3. Organization of the Administration Battery at Regimental Headquarters

a. An administration battery of 40 to 60 men is under a commander, a commissar, and a second lieutenant.

b. Communications. The battery has the following: three radio-telephone operators; 16 Soviet-type radios, radio-telephone type A. 7A-R.P. 12, for the disposition of platoons and batteries of the regiment. The wireless with all its equipment weighs 27 kilograms, and the batteries weigh 2 kilograms. Every wireless operates with six to seven batteries, and can be carried by two soldiers. Range of the wireless is 3,000 meters.

c. There are twenty telephone operators operating T.T.A. 43 Soviet-type telephones, each weighing $4\frac{1}{2}$ kilograms.

d. There are seven to eight topographers trained in the use of military maps, and others trained in the observation and discrimination of targets with the aid of sound detectors.

e. There are 14 courier messengers and three substitutes.

f. There are two shoemakers; two tailors; one barber, two to three persons for carrying food on two mules.

g. Twelve men from the regiment have been sent to the division headquarters for training as wireless operators.

4. Organization of the 1 Heavy Artillery Platoon of the 3 Field Artillery Regiment

a. The 1 Heavy Artillery Platoon includes the headquarters commanded by First Lieutenant Sefer Mico [] and trained in the Soviet Union; First Lieutenant Luyan Agoni [] is Political Commissar of the platoon; First Lieutenant Illo Sola [] is Chief of Staff; and a clerk.

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b. There is an administration unit of 15 men headed by the commander of the 1 battery, Warrant Officer Labi Suki. Ten of these men are telephone operators (two telephones), two are topographers, and one is a radio-telephone operator. All carry Soviet automatics.

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c. The total strength of the 1 Heavy Artillery Platoon is 200 men, 12 x 105 mm. guns, and 12 James vehicles.

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5. Organization of the 1 Battery of the 1 Platoon of the 3 Field Artillery Regiment

- a. The 1 Battery with a total strength of 60 men, four cannons, and four James vehicles, is commanded by Warrant Officer Iahd Suki [redacted] Commissar is Warrant Officer Ilio Mane [redacted] the warehouseman is a non-commissioned officer; there is also a clerk.

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- b. The battery has three platoons, two with two cannons each, and the third a reconnaissance platoon. The platoons with cannons have the following formation:

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Commander, non-commissioned officer
Platoon leader
Aimer
Cannoneer
Loader
First supplier
Second supplier
Projectile regulator
Driver of vehicle (tows battery)

- c. The two platoons with a warrant officer or second lieutenant commander each, have a total strength of 19 men, and two 105 mm. German-type cannons with a range of 9,000 meters, and two James vehicles.
- d. The third reconnaissance platoon has 17 or 18 men composed of one warrant officer, commander of the platoon, six telephone operators with two telephones, four radio-telephone operators, four topographers and three observers.
- e. All personnel carry Soviet automatics.

6. Organization of the 2 Battery of 1 Platoon of 3 Field Artillery Regiment

- a. The temporary commander of 2 Battery is the commissar of 1 Battery, Warrant Officer Ilio Mane. The commissar was transferred. Formation and armament of the 2 Battery are the same as 1 Battery.

7. Organization of the 3 Battery of 1 Platoon of 3 Field Artillery Regiment

- a. Warrant Officer Izet Hoxa [redacted] is commander of 3 Battery. Warrant Officer Kaber Stroka [redacted] is the Commissar.
- b. Formation, strength and armament of 3 Battery are the same as those of 1 and 2 Battery.

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8. Organization of 2 Heavy Mortar Platoon of 3 Field Artillery Regiment

- a. The headquarters is commanded by First Lieutenant Namik Cumai [redacted] The commissar was transferred. There is a clerk and an administration unit with 15 men, which includes specialists described in paragraph 4 b.
- b. The 2 Heavy Mortar Platoon has a total strength of 200 men, 12 x 107 mm. Soviet-type mortars, and 60 miles.

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9. Organization of 1 Battery of 2 Heavy Mortar Platoon

- a. This battery with a total strength of 60 men, four mortars, and 20 mules, is commanded by Warrant Officer Sakio Kocio [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Commissar is Warrant Officer Come Lito [redacted] and ware-
houseman is Sergeant Major Solmal Demir Oll [redacted] There is
also a clerk.
- b. This battery has three platoons, two with two 107 mm. Soviet-type mortars, and a third reconnaissance platoon with two 107 mm. Soviet-type mortars (sic) and 18 men including specialists.
- c. The two mortar platoons have the following formation:
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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Leader, non-commissioned officer | Soviet type gun |
| Aimer, soldier | Soviet type gun |
| Filler, soldier | Soviet type gun |
| Projectile regulator, soldier | Soviet type gun |
| First supplier, soldier | Soviet type gun |
| Second supplier, soldier | Soviet type gun |
| Three mule drivers | |
- d. The mortar platoons have 19 men and ten mules each. Each mortar is loaded on three mules and the projectiles on two mules. There is also one food cart with a driver, drawn by mules.

10. Organization of 2 Battery of 2 Heavy Mortar Platoon

- a. The commander of this battery is Warrant Officer Georgios Kyricis [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] The Commissar was transferred. The formation, strength, and armament of this battery are the same as those of 1 Battery. 50X1-HUM

11. Organization of 3 Battery of 2 Heavy Mortar Platoon

- a. This battery is commanded by Warrant Officer Riza Grabova [redacted] The Commissar is Warrant Officer Nikos (Inu) [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b. Headquarters of 2 Platoon includes 1 Battery (9 men) and the administration unit (8 men).

12. Organization of 3 Heavy Mortar Platoon of 3 Field Artillery Regiment

- a. Commander of this platoon is First Lieutenant Estrey Celia [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] Commissar is First Lieutenant Lebip (Inu) from Elbasan (?). 50X1-HUM
The chief of staff is unknown. There is a military clerk.
- b. The formation, strength, and armament of 3 Heavy Mortar Platoon are the same as those of 2 Heavy Mortar Platoon.

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